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PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A FLUID HEATER

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) [ ] as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number [ ] and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) [ ] (if applicable).

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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))–INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

Docket Number (Optional)

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: VAN DER MEULEN, Gys BERT EIMERTApplication or Patent No.: PCT/ZA/03/00412Filed or Issued: 2003-08-15 (INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE)Title: A FLUID HEATER

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